THE CRUMB

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Welcome to Bread Loaf

THE CRUMB greets you on the opening day of the twenty-sixth session of the Bread Loaf School of English. We will be on hand every day at lunch to bring you news and notes about school activities, official and unofficial. Members of the School may place items of interest or urgency in the box marked "Crumb Notices" in the Director's Office, and they will appear in our columns as soon as possible.

In the preliminary announcement we indicated the duties of the Inn Desk and Director's Office. Members of the staff desire in every way to minister to the wants of the students. They do not expect to be tipped, and students are requested not to offer such remuneration. Please understand that our facilities are not hotel facilities but merely simple dormitory accommodations. Leave suggestions concerning room equipment or repairs for Miss Decker at the Desk. The staff hopes that your stay will be a pleasant one.

Library

The Davison Memorial Library contains the following collections.

1. Books to be used in connection with courses.
2. Miscellaneous books for general reading.
3. The Alfred Davison Memorial Collection which includes autographed copies of the works of those authors who have been connected with Bread Loaf, and books given to the Library by friends.

The Library will be open on regular schedule:

Weekdays	Saturdays
8:15-12:30 noon	8:30 - 12:30 noon
1:45- 5:00 p. m.	1:45 - 5:00 p. m.
7:15-10:00 p. m.	

Sundays
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dining Room Notice--Please Read With Care

Due to shortages, regulations and restrictions on certain food supplies, there must of necessity be some departure from our usual tradition on certain foods for the duration. We regret this exceedingly, but it is beyond our control. It will be necessary for everyone to turn in his or her ration card as soon as possible. Please leave it at the Desk. It will be returned to you (from the Desk) before the end of the session.

Newspapers

The New York Times will be the only paper available this year. Those who wish may subscribe for the school term, daily and Sunday. See the Desk clerk.

Afternoon Classes

Afternoon classes will meet according to the following schedule:

8:30 classes will meet at 1:45 and 9:30 classes at 2:45 on the following days: August 6 - 10 ; 13 - 15.

10:30 classes will meet at 1:45 and 11:30 classes at 2:45 on the following days: August 16, 17; August 20 - 24; August 27.

Vespers

The monthly series of Vesper services will open tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Little Theatre with readings by Dr. Joyce and singing of a few hymns.

Taxi Service

Taxi service will be available at all times upon demand at the Desk. A flat rate of $5.00 will be charged for each round trip to Middlebury.

The taxi will make a trip to Middlebury each Sunday morning for those wishing to attend church services. The Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, and Methodist services begin at 10:45 a. m., and the masses at the Catholic Church are held at 8:30 and 10:30. If you wish to attend church in Middlebury tomorrow, please sign up at the Desk, stating which church you wish to attend. The taxi leaves at 10:00.

If demand warrants, Shampoo Specials will be run to Middlebury on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for those who feel the need of a visit to the beauty parlor. Phone one of the beauty parlors listed in the phone book for an appointment if you wish to go next Tuesday. The trip will be limited to seven.

Attention

A member of the State Department is seeking to locate a number of teachers of English for service at The Academy of Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey. The College provides room, board, laundry, transportation to and from Istanbul, and a salary of $800 per annum plus a war bonus. The contract period is three years. If you are interested, please make an appointment today to see Dr. Joyce.

Evening Concert

The Middlebury College String Quartet will give a concert at the Little Theatre this evening at 8:00 p.m. Please bring your program with you, page 3 of The Crumb.

Recently organized by Alan Carter, professor of music at Middlebury College, founder and director of the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra, the Quartet consists of Istvan Baker, first violin; Virginia da Blasiis, second violin; Alan Carter, viola; and George Lanter, cello.

EVENING CONCERT

Bread Loaf School of English

August 4, 1945

THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STRING QUARTET

Israel Baker, 1st violin
Virginia de Blasiis, 2nd violin
Alan Carter, viola
George Finckel, 'cello

Raul Spivak, piano, Guest Artist

Quartet, Opus 33, No. 6 - - - - - - - - - - -Boccherini

Allegro

Andantino

Minuetto con moto

Presto assai.

Four-Part Fancy - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -John Cooper
(1627)

Intermission

Quintet, opus 44 - - - - - - - - - - - - -Schumann

Allegro brillante

In modo d'una Marcia

Scherzo, molto vivace

Allegro, ma non troppo

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Evening Lecture

Robert Frost will open the lecture series in the Little Theatre tonight at 7:30

Afternoon Classes

We repeat; afternoon classes will meet according to the following schedule:

8:30 classes will meet at 1:45 and 9:30 classes at 2:45 on the following days: August 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15.

10:30 classes will meet at 1:45 and 11:30 classes at 2:45 on the following days: August 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27.

Tennis

People desiring a court at a specific time should sign on the schedule appearing on the back stop. Tennis shoes must be worn. Do Not wear heeled shoes of any sort. A notice will be placed on the back stop at any time the courts are not in playable condition. Tennis balls may be purchased at the Book Store.

Saddle Horses

Mildred Cram, at the barn behind the Recreation Hall, has several riding horses available for your use. If you are interested, get in touch with her. The rates are $1.50 if you ride unattended and $2.00 with an instructor. Some deduction may be arranged if a number of rides is desired.

Attention Seniors

If you expect to be graduated this summer, please register your fond dreams with Miss Becker at the Director's Office. Be sure you attend at once to all details such as transferring credits from other schools.

Desk Hours

The Inn Desk will be open from 8:30 - 9:00; from 10:30 A. M. - 12:30 P.M.; from 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. except on Sundays when it will be closed all day.

Laundry

Laundry facilities will be found in the basement of Hoi Polloi. Flat irons may be signed for at the Desk. Please do not hang your washing on porches, in windows, or on hickory limbs. There is a clothes line in Hoi Polloi basement.

Resident Nurse

A resident, registered nurse, Mrs. Jane Wilkinson, will be in attendance during the session. Students wishing to see the nurse and unable to leave their rooms should send a note before 8:30 a.m. to the Head Waitress indicating their name and room number.

Mrs. Wilkinson will be in her office in Annex 6 from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Emergency medical supplies may be obtained from the Inn Desk

Dry Cleaning

Arrangements for dry cleaning should be made at the Inn Desk.

Tea Room

The Tea Room will be open every evening from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. except during lectures. Whenever there is entertainment in the Little Theatre, the Tea Room will remain closed, but will open immediately after the lecture and remain open long enough to take care of everyone.

Dining Room

Please notice that there have been some slight changes made in the meal hours :

Weekdays		Sundays	
Breakfast:	7:30 - 7:45	Breakfast:	8:00 - 8:15
Luncheon :	12:45 - 1:00	Dinner :	1:00 - 1:15
Dinner :	6:00 - 6:15	Supper :	6:00 - 6:15

It is requested that the Dining Room be cleared on weekdays by 8:15, 1:30, and 7:00 on Sundays by 8:30, 2:30, and 7:00.

The present seating arrangement will continue until Tuesday noon. Thereafter you will be re-shuffled every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday at noon.

Book Store

The hours when the Book Store will be open have been changed slightly also. There will be no morning hours, but it will be open after lunch from 1:30 - 2:30 and after dinner from 6:45 - 7:15.

Vacancy

There is a possible vacancy for a man in the English and Latin departments at the Holderness School at Plymouth, New Hampshire. He would also have some dormitory duties. If interested, please see Mr. Winfield S mith (Inn 40) immediately or leave a note in his box.

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Book Exhibit

Harcourt Brace and Company has set up an exhibit of some of its publications for your examination in the Blue Parlor. The books are mainly junior and senior high school texts and juvenile library books. Come and browse.

Attention Seniors

If the Seniors have not at some time in the past made out an application for graduate work, similar to the card now posted on the bulletin board, will they please do so at once. Cards may be obtained from Miss Becker.

Change in Status

If you wish to change your status from that of an auditor or non-credit student to that of a credit student, this change must be made by August 9th. You may change from a credit student to an auditor on or before August 11th. A ll changes must be made through the Director's Office.

Library Notice

Books on course shelves may be kept three days. If there is a great demand for any particular book, it will be called in and kept on Reserve. Reserve books may go out for two hours at a time or for over night. Novels from Mr. Wilson's shelves may be kept one week unless the demand is heavy for certain novels.
Books in the Wilfred Davidson Collection, permanent books, kept at Bread Loaf Library, may be loaned for one week.
The autographed collection of books in the glass case may be read in the library through requests at the Desk, but none can be taken from the library.
Library hours for opening and closing are posted on the door at the entrance of the Library and at the Library Desk. They also appeared, albeit illegibly, in the first issue of THE CRUMB.
Saturday night is the onliest night in the week the library isn't open, but it may be closed occasionally in the evenings for important lectures, or Little Theatre activities. Whenever the Library closes for this reason, it will be re-opened after the lecture.
The librarian wishes to remind you that you should inquire at the desk if you are unable to find the book you want, for it may have been put on reserve.

Applause and a Cheer or Two

Mimeograph and I neither speak nor see eye to eye; and in running THE CRUMB, I had finally come to the point of "leaving it lie". But Mr. Anonymous came, resolving the Fiend to tame. Lo ! the turn of a screw, plus a good curse or two, succeeded in saving the game.

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Volume 26 No. 4 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 8, 1945

Welcome

Bread Loaf welcomes an old friend, Mr. George Anderson, whose presence on the faculty for many summers was a source of real pleasure and whose absence is always regretted.

Seniors

Dr. Joyce has requested that the seniors meet tonight at 7:15 in the Blue Parlor for a short conference.

Warning

Persons using the trails and walks about the Inn are requested not to go alone. The School can accept no responsibility for the safety of anyone disregarding this notice. Already one person making the dreary trek to Gilmore has had to send out for a St. Bernard. "Ah, Wilderness!" as Mr. O'Neill would say.

Taxi

Due to the many complaints that Bread Loaf's schedule of afternoon classes is unfair to disorganized locks, the taxi will go to Middlebury, as a Shampoo Special or otherwise, at 1:30 on any day when a group of four of five people wish to reserve it. Be sure to make your appointments with hairdressers in advance. And don't forget to sign for the taxi at the Inn Desk.

Request

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may
Does not apply to here,
And the posies reposing across the way
Have dropped a communal tear.

Then leave the phlox, the columbine,
The larkspur and rosemary,
For having lost but once their prime,
They will but shortly tarry.

Crumb Deadline

Any notices you wish to appear in THE CRUMB should be deposited in a box for this purpose which is in the Director's Office.

Lost and

A dark red sipper case disappeared from the cloak room yesterday morning. Please return it to the Inn Desk.

A black fountain pen with a gold band was lost between Room 4 of the Little Theatre and the Inn Parlor. Dorothea Shute, the penless, would appreciate your helping her search.

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Volume 26 No. 5 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 9, 1945

Senior Election

Miss Dorothy Blair has been elected president of this year's senior class.

Reminder

Today is the last day you may change your status from that of a non-credit student to that of a credit student.

Bookstore

We wish to remind you that all stationery supplies are sold this year at the Bookstore.
When the books for Mr. Bradley's drama course have arrived, we shall make the announcement in The Crumb.

Mailboxes

This year, to prevent a re-arrangement for the Conference, there are two people using each mailbox. So if the mail is not for you, merely leave it in the box until the lucky person arrives.

Typists Wanted

A request has come in for someone to do typing. Will anyone interested please leave her name at the Bookstore or Director's Office.

Dilemma

Two people who have signed for the taxi today are anxiously awaiting the arrival of three more customers so that they can afford to make the trip to Middlebury.

Flash

President Truman is to make a report of the Potsdam Conference tonight from 10:00 to 10:30. We are hoping to have a good night for radio reception, for we are having a radio in the Barn to enable any of you who are interested to hear the speech

Paging Ellery Queen

Anyone knowing the identity or whereabouts of the occupant of Bloomfield 57 is asked to report to Miss Becker at once. If it's a ghost, it's the first one we've ever known that slept on a sheet instead of in one.

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Unofficial Report

The report that came by radio this morning, setting all bells and sirens in motion, has not yet been confirmed by the American and British governments; however, the Japanese radio has been sending warning to its people that they are surrendering unconditionally. The announcement came at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Change in Status

If you can bring yourself to contemplate personal problems in the midst of such tremendous disclosures, tomorrow is the last day when you will be permitted to change from a credit to a non-credit student.

Tea Room

The Tea Room will be open hereafter, in addition to the evening hours, from 8:30 to 9:00 for the late breakfasteers. There will be coffee and toast and an occasional muffin.

Bread Loaf Bill of Rights

Several complaints have been filed, all with the same theme, that people who are not studying should be more considerate of those who are. Remember that in an accelerated program nerves are apt to become as frayed as the books, and anything you can do to prevent further disturbance will be greatly appreciated.

Seniors

Unless Miss Becker is notified to the contrary, this is the way your name will appear on your diploma:

Dorothy Eliza Blair (Pres.)
Isabel Butler Davidge
Margaret Doucoumes
Doris Louise Groesbeck
Mildred Laura Kunes
Hazel Hostettler McClure
Georgia Elizabeth McKenney
Jean Morris Petitt
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Notice

Anyone using the piano in the Little Theatre is requested to close the cover and cover the keys when he leaves. Pianos are allergic to dampness.

Letter to Mrs. Dewey

You are invited to pen a message to Mrs. Janice Dewey. The stationery has been affixed to the Bulletin Board for your use, and will remain there until Monday,

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Volume 26 No. 7 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 11, 1945

Little Theatre

Dr. Erwin Panofsky, distinguished artistorian of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, will lecture tonight in the Little Theatre. Because it is an illustrated lecture, the program will not begin until 8:30.

Sunday Evening

A rare treat is in store for us tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Little Theatre. Dr. Wilson will read Francis Thompson's "The Hound of Heaven", and Dr. Anderson will play selections from the works of Beethoven, Mozart, and Schumann.

Dean Owen

Harry Goddard Owen, formerly professor of English and Fine Arts and director of the Bread Loaf School of English and now a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, has been appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University. The appointment will become effective upon Lieutenant Owen's discharge from the Navy.

A newspaper account of this news has been placed on the Bulletin Board.

Vacancy

Miss J. Josephine Tucker, Headmistress of Concord Academy, Concord, Massachusetts, desires a teacher of English, someone experienced in junior and senior high school work, if possible. Will anyone interested please leave her name in the Director's Office.

Book Store

Will the people who signed for books under the G. I. Bill of Rights please come to the Book Store today, if possible.

Lost

Please return the box of cleansing tissues taken by mistake from the Ladies' Room. A hay fever victim is suffering from the loss.

A book, "Brothers Karamazov" was taken from the Cloak Room. Please return it to the Inn Desk.

Ex-Spectre, or
(How-you-gonna-keep-'em-down-on-the-job-after-they've-seen-Larry*)

Hi diddle diddle, the Ghost and the riddle
The winding sheet and the rune,
The people were daft to see Amort,
Be-traying them night and noon.

*Larry Gorman, the spirit of Bloomfield 57

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Volume 26 No. 8 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 13, 1945

Welcome

The Bread Loaf School of English extends a hearty welcome to the staff and members of the Writers' Conference and hopes that this, the twentieth annual session, may be a most successful one.

Tea Room

The breakfasts being served at the Barn to accommodate the late risers now include fruit juice in addition to the coffee and toast as advertised previously.

During the late evening the Conference people will hold an informal reception at the Barn, following their formal opening of the session at 8:00 in the Little Theatre.

College Library

In answer to several queries concerning the Middlebury College Library hours, we list them as follows: Monday through Friday, 7:50 to 12:30; 1:30 to 5:00; 7:00 to 10:00; Saturday, 7:50 to 12:30; 1:30 to 5:00; and Sunday, 2:00 to 5:00; 7:00 to 10:00

Quiet, please

Again requests have been coming in for greater consideration in the matter of keeping the peace. People who wish to talk while others are studying are urged to go to the Barn or, it has even been suggested by the more desperate students, jump in the nearest creek.

The people who are sleeping(or at any rate trying to) in the dormitory over the Barn classrooms have asked that the merry-makers in the Barn observe quiet hours after 11:00.

Conference Lectures

By arrangement with the Writers' Conference, English School students are welcome at the evening sessions of the Conference. Unless otherwise announced, these sessions will be held each evening in the Little Theatre at 8:00.

Vacancy

Pioneer co-educational boarding school in New England needs a man to teach eleventh grade English. Small classes, college preparatory, country living, hard working creative students , no discipline problems, small friendly community. Very high academic standards. Opportunities for teacher to participate in varied musical, artistic, handcrafts, agricultural, intellectual activities which are part of the program of studies. Inquire at the Director's Office if interested.

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Volume 26 No. 9 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 14, 1945

Welcome

Bread Loaf welcomes Walter Prichard Eaton, former member of the English school faculty and of the Conference staff.

Concert

Tonight at 8:00 p.m. the Middlebury College String Quartet will again perform. Bring your programs with you.
Israel Baker, the first violinist, is a member of the Blue Network Symphony Orchestra, and next season will be concertmaster of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra under Fabien Sevitsky. Baker has held similar positions in the A ll-American Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski and the N. B. C. Orchestra under Toscanini.

Virginia da Blasiis, second violinist, is concertmaster of the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra. She has given many chamber music recitals in New York City and has been concertmaster of the Julliard Summer Symphony Orchestra and the Saratoga Symphony Orchestra.

Alan Carter, who plays the viola, is professor of music at Middlebury College and the founder and director of the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra.

George Finkel, cellist,is a member of the faculties of Bennington College and the Putney School. He has been very active in chamber music organizations playing recitals in New York and throughout the country.

Book Exhibit

Tonight from 7:00 to 8:00 the Book Store will feature an exhibit of the books that are in this summer's stock. Browsing and buying are equally welcomed.

Library Loss

Whatever you can do to assist the librarian in her search for two missing books will be appreciated. Those missing in action are Bennett's "Old Wives' Tale" and Edgar's "The Art of the Novel".

Lost

If you discover a pair of horn rimmed Harlequin glasses in a case, please return to the Inn Desk or to Pat Plunkett, the owner.

Round Robin

Those of you who were too reticent to write an open letter to Mrs. Dewey are invited to deposit your epistles at the Book Store. We happen to know that Janice is anxious to have news of all her friends. Let's make it a deluge.

Program for English School and Writers' Conference

Bread Loaf Inn
August 14, 1945

THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STRING QUARTET

Israel Baker, 1st violin
Virginia de Blasiis, 2nd violin
Alan Carter, viola
George Finckel, 'cello

Quartet in C Major, K,-465----------Mozart

Adagio, allegro.
Andante cantabile.
Menuetto (allegretto).
Molto allegro.

La Oracion del Torero----------Turina

Intermission

Quartet, Opus 10----------Debussy

Anime et tres decide.
Assez vif et bien rythme.
Andantino, doucement expressif.
Tres modere.

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Volume 26 No. 10 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 15, 1945

Evening Lecture

At 8:00 tonight in the Little Theatre Walter Prichard Eaton will speak to us on the topic: Novels into Plays.

Conference Lectures

There are four lectures scheduled each day for the Conference at 9:00, 10:00, 11:30 and 2:30 which you are permitted to attend by paying $1.50 a lecture. Apply for your admission cards at the Conference Office, next to the Book Store. The lectures tomorrow will be given by Miss Mirrielees, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Havighurst, and Mr. Frost. The Conference reserves the right to change the schedule whenever occasion demands.

Reminder

Remember that tomorrow the afternoon schedule changes with the 10:30 classes meeting at 1:45 and the 11:30 classes at 2:45.

"Bells, bells, bells!" Since there will be considerable tintinnabulation of the bells while both School and Conference are in session, always ask yourself for whom the bell tolls. It may, or may not, toll for you.

Announcement

Miss Hubbard of the Middlebury College Library will play some of the records in the Flanders Collection of early American songs at the College Library on Wednesday or Friday of this week. If you are interested in joining a taxi group, please sign at the Inn Desk.

Lost

A small blue volume of Halgrave's "Shakespeare's Sonnets" has disappeared. Also volume II of "British Prose and Poetry" with notes written in Spanish has gone the way of all Cloak Room strays. If you find either book, please return to the Inn Desk.

V. J. Day Service

At five this afternoon the members of both School and Conference are asked to assemble in the Little Theatre for a brief service.

Dr. Victor E. Reichert will offer prayer and pronounce the benediction. Colonel Scott will speak, and a few familiar hymns will be sung.

Book Store Ballad: We wonder if anyone here would know the meaning of "Railway Express". The books that were ordered a week ago are the victims of war-time duress. We do not know why; we cannot explain, unless the Express is of Pony, but we hope that the ones who are caus ing the strain will choke on their Spam and Boloney.

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Volume 26 No. 11 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 16,1945

Evening Lecture

Mrs. Bowen will be the speaker tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Her topic is "The Art of Biography".

Conference Lecturers

The Conference speakers tomorrow will be Mrs. Everitt at 9:00, "The Literary Agency Business"; Col. Greene at 10:15, "The Atomic Bomb and Its Effect on the Future"; Mrs. Bowen, 11:30, speaking on a topic to be announced; and Mr. Untermeyer at 2:30 who will read and comment on manuscript.

At 4:00 today Mr. Eaton will lecture on the subject:"The Playwriting Microbe".

Ball Game Sunday

Bread Loaf's annual softball game will be held at Frost Field on Sunday at 3:00. All members of the Conference and School, staff members included, are invited to sign up as players or spectators. Members walking to the Frost farm for the game should start about 2:15.

Sign-up sheets for players and spectators are posted on the bulletin board near the Director's Office. Please sign early if you wish to come, so that teams may be formed and the attendance estimated.

Exhibit

Today in the Blue Parlor there will be an exhibit and sale of the work of the crippled children of the state. You are urged to patronize this worthy cause.

Book Store

The wires are all singing
The birds are a-hum;
Mirabile dictu!
The Play Books have come!!

Editor's Note: There are no Vikings bold.

Attention Stomachs

Because of Victory celebrations and holidays, transportation is more limited than ever and supplies are being held up. Friday's fish won't get here; last Sunday's meat hasn't come yet. Please remember that the dietitian will continue to do her best, and that Peace has her problems no less than War.

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Volume 26 No. 12 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 17, 1945

Evening Lecture

At 8:00 this evening Mr. Richard Wright will speak to us on the subject: The American Negro Discovers Himself.

Lectures Tomorrow

The Conference lecturers tomorrow will be Miss Mirrielees, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Havighurst, and Mr. Untermeyer.

Tennis Tournament

A tennis tournament will be held during the coming week for men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. To enter, hand in your name and mailbox number to Stanley Brams, Box 76, who will arrange the draws and schedule. Entries close this afternoon; play will begin on Saturday.

All Bread Loaf tennis players, experienced or otherwise, are urged to enter. File your entry now.

Lost

A blue rabbits hair jacket-sweater disappeared from a chair in the Ladies' Room. Please return it to the Inn Desk.

A gold high school ring with a red stone, bearing the initials J. E. A.,was lost somewhere in the Inn. Please return it to John Aker or the Inn Desk.

Prayer

In response to many requests, we are publishing the "Prayer For V - J Day" which was offered by Dr. Victor E. Reichert at Bread Loaf, August 15, 1945.

"Almighty God and Gracious Father, Thou who dost move in awesome and mysterious ways Thy wonders to perform, in this momentous hour of the triumph of our nation's arms in battle, we humbly thank Thee for so great a deliverance. The reign of evil has been bombed into the dust. The dominion of arrogance has been annihilated. The Powers of darkness have been utterly destroyed. Here, in this quiet forest retreat, mountained in by the timeless tranquilities of nature, we lift our eyes in glad thanksgiving to the eternal hills, confessing that our help has come from Thee, O Lord, the everlasting, unslumbering Guardian of the sanctities of the human spirit.

"Grateful are we, beyond words, for all valiant souls who sweated and toiled, who bled and agonized, surrendering their very lives in this stupendous world-encircling struggle for human liberty. Freedom, a weeping hermit, shall forever stand sentinel where they sank to rest. Spread over them the tender tabernacle of Thy peace.

Scar our memories with the brave and ardent purposes for which they died. May we never prove recreant to the ideals that stayed their hearts in dark moments of despair and armoured them with intrepidity in the face of monstrous cruelty and hate. We honor our living dead this day of peace and victory. From their hallowed graves, they lift, with unseen hands, the torch and the flame of courage and of hope. Give us the dedication and the constancy to hold it high in the arduous if less dramatic days that lie ahead.

"Hidden from our eyes are the immense events of the future. Yet, trusting in Thee, may we march on with confidence and without fear, binding up the nation's wounds, caring for those who have borne the battle, building, upon the vast ruins of our world, a brotherhood of man that shall transcend the barriers of nation, creed, and race and achieving, through justice, mercy and righteousness, a just and lasting peace."

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Attention

Please fill out the blanks below, tear off on the dotted line, and leave with the Head Waitress as you leave the Dining Room. The information will be used in compiling the 1945 Address List.

Name (last name first).....

Home Address.....

Business Address.....

Status:(Please check) Faculty member _____

Staff member _____

Auditor _____

Student _____

Waiting Table_____

Scholarship _____

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Evening Lecture

At 8:00 this evening in the Little Theatre Mr. Frost will speak to us.

Exam Schedule

Shiver your timbers, quake, and quail;
The tyrant Exam is on your trail.
Worry and bury yourself in woe;
Charge! And remember the Alamo;
Give it a nod, a beck, or some damns,
This is the schedule for taking exams:

Thursday A.M.

10:30 classes : Understanding Poetry
American Literature

Thursday P.M.

8:30 classes: The Modern Eng. Novel
Milton
Curriculum & Methods

Friday A.M.

9:30 classes: Shakespeare
Teaching of Literature
American Drama

Friday P.M.

11:30 classes: American Novel
19th Century Poets

Athletics

There is still an opportunity to volunteer for the Sunday softball game or for the tennis tournament. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board near the Director's Office.

Quaker Meeting

There is to be a Quaker Meeting Sunday morning, August 19. Anyone interested is requested to get in touch with Martha Serene Lewis of Birch 11, Box 102, and Table 32.

Barn Inmates

It would be appreciated if the girls living in the Barn would not take their location so literally. If they would desist from riding herd on their "mules" while the classes are belowstairs, the Pearl Divers' Association would be grateful.

Address Lists

The people who neglected to hand in their names and addresses yesterday are urged to see Miss Becker today, or at least deposit the necessary information on her desk.

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Volume 26 No. 14 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 20, 1945

Evening Lecture

8:00 Mr. Havighurst will speak this evening on the topic: The Re-discovery of America.

Exhibit

Mr. Rugg of the Carriage House Studio, Arlington, Vermont, will bring his Photograph Exhibit to the Blue Parlor tomorrow.

Book Store

Those of you who signed for the two volume edition of American Plays may pay for them now. The cost of each volume is $1.50.

The afternoon hours for the Book Store will be 2:45 to 3:45 for the duration of the afternoon classes.

Be sure to make your purchases of all English School books this week. The unsold copies will be returned to the publishers on August 25. All Conference books that remain unclaimed will be returned on August 27.

All those who love a bargain and are interested in Bread Loaf lore, may obtain, free of charge, pamphlets written by Clara K. Curtis on the subjects "Joseph Battell -- an Appreciation" and "The Old Bread Loaf Inn--a Reminiscence". The material contained should be dignified by a price, but we are doing this for you who are unfamiliar with the traditions behind Bread Loaf, as well as you who are old friends.

There are also a few copies of the testimonial booklets published last year in commemoration of our 25th Anniversary celebration. While they last, you may have them with our compliments.

Request

It has been suggested that uncontrolled screaming in the Dining Room be discontinued. Most of us are very serious about our eating and don't like to be disturbed when we're talking deep.

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Volume 26 No.15 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 21, 1945

Evening Lecture

Mr. Pratt will speak this evening on the subject: Censorship.

Afternoon Discussion

The 2:30 discussion is labelled "Mr. Frost, with interruptions by Mr. Untermeyer".

Exhibit

Don't forget the photograph exhibit, given today in the Blue Parlor.

Diploma Fee

Seniors, dig down. The diploma fee is acceptable at any time. You may pay it to Miss Becker in the Director's Office.

Reprint

The following article, seen in a recent issue of "The Saturday Evening Post", we reprint in its entirety.

TO A WELL-READ MOSQUITO

"Repellent: According to medical authorities, persons with a heavy intake of vitamin B-1 show excellent resistance to mosquito bites. ----Phila. Inquirer"

Buzz on by, I hope perhaps you'll
note I took my B-1 capsule.
--W.F.Miksch.

Contributor's Column

"The August sun stood high
O'er a sunny field of grass
And Upson's crow in the cloudless sky
Did back and forward pass,
And the shadows longer grew
As eve began to fall
While a band of scholars wildly threw
And caught a flying ball.

"There were men with hoary hair
  Amid that romping band;
Why had they come to frolic there
  On a new mown bit of land?
There were women who let fly
  With the technique of Babe Ruth,
There were manly foreheads bald and high
  And the naked limbs of youth.
What were they doing here?
  What game was won and lost?
'Twas the highest point of the Bread Loaf year,
  Baseball with Robert Frost."

Here Lies

R. I. P.

Here lies the body of you know whom

Gone to her sad and early doom.

This is the lesson that she could tell

(Provided they've National Hook-ups
in Hell)

Weigh each word before it's spoke,

And never forget to label a joke.

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Volume 26 No. 16 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 22, 1945

Evening Lecture

Mr. Untermeyer will speak this evening on the topic: The American Reader Comes of Age

Room Reservations

Room reservations for 1946 will be made in the Director's Office Thursday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5:00, for those who wish to retain the room they are now in; Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 for those who wish to change. Please have your second and third choice in mind.

Contributor's Column

(1)

We resent being told we're too noisy! How about calling attention to something much more important and disturbing---the littering of the lawns and the porches?

(2)

Let's not complain of waiters at the meal,
They're only there because of Fortune's Wheel;
Instead, give thanks to those who bring your plate;
They also serve, who only run and wait.

Lost and Found

A blue silk change purse, with contents of bills and change, was lost around the Inn premises yesterday. It may be returned to the Director's Office.

Someone who feels we should accentuate the positive has found six cents and wishes to return the sum to the rightful owner.

Quick! Here! Now!

Now is the time for all of the students,
Establishing grades with wit and prudence,
To worry and fret and get indigestion
Trying to think of a Shakespeare question,
Trying to finish a paper on Poe
Trying to polish the apropos mot,
Wishing for home and longing for Mama
Instead of a test in American Drama;
Seniors are urged to come out of their coma;
No one has died from a case of Diploma.

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Barn Dance

Tonight we are invited to the Little Theatre for a-one and a-two and a-promenade all. Pinky Johnson and his orchestra will officiate.

Faculty Picture

The English School Faculty Picture will be taken Friday noon. Members of the faculty are requested to meet on the porch tomorrow at 1:15.

Lost and Found

A dark blue Waterman fountain pen was lost in the Barn. Please return to the Desk.

One gold ear ring was found in the vicinity of the Barn. The owner may claim it at the Inn Desk.

Warning

A small fire in one of the baskets on the Inn Porch was discovered in time last night to prevent a calamity. Inasmuch as the baskets are usually full of waste paper, there is danger in using them for ash trays unless extreme care is used.

Departure Note

It is perhaps a trifle early to be warning you about the procedure of departure, but so many inquiries have come in that we feel you might all be interested.

Due to the Government's restriction of Pullman travel, there is little we can do for those of you faced with long trips. We can, however, place the requests for reservations on Monday or Tuesday of next week, depending on whether you wish to leave on Friday or Saturday. The delay that will doubtless ensue will be caused by the regulation that all reservations must be ordered by mail instead of telegraph.

As for those who are planning to leave by Coach, this is our plan. Any baggage which you wish to check must be ready the day before your departure. Someone will purchase your ticket (provided you supply the necessary cash) and arrange for the departure of your worldly goods.

Further notice of this will appear in THE CRUMB whenever necessary. Don't fail to heed all announcements promptly.

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Volume 26 No. 13 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 24, 1945

Reminder

Don't fail to make your reservations for rooms for next year in the Director's Office, from 3:30 to 4:30.

Announcement

Transcripts of work done at Bread Loaf may be obtained by filing your request in the Director's Office. If desired, one free copy is given for each separate summer's work, as well as one free copy of the complete record of work done here over a period of years.

Library

Will the person who asked for Matthew Arnold's essay "Science and Literature" please call at the Library Desk?

Book Store

The books left in the Conference Director's Office are now autographed. The owners should call for them as soon as possible.

Found

One empty whiskey bottle has been found. It was discovered this morning on the Ping Pong table. Owner may claim; in fact, you may claim the owner if you find him.*

*Editor's Note: Don't bother to look under the table. We tried that the very first thing. Apparently this is an eccentric case.

Department of Utter Confusion

Caught by vacuity,
No
Superfluity,
Facing a page
Replete with Space,
Fair Truth and Beau-ity,
What
Can I do-ity,
Halted
By NOTHING
In medias res?

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Volume 26 No. 18+ Bread Loaf, Vermont August 25, 1945

Farewell

Bread Loaf wishes the Conference a pleasant journey.

Vespers

Rev. Harry Jones of Middlebury will conduct Vespers at 7:30 Sunday evening.

Friends Meeting

There will be a Friends' Meeting for Worship, Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn near the tennis court. In case of rain or extreme cold the meeting will be held in Class Room 4. - Everyone is welcome.

Departure Notes

Anyone leaving before August 31 must make arrangements for taxi service.

Anyone having trunks or packages to be expressed earlier than the scheduled date for departure should leave a note for Harold Whittemore at the Inn Desk. Be sure to give all the necessary information: name, room number, date you wish baggage to be taken.

Abernethy Collection

Arrangements have been made with the Middlebury College Library to permit anyone interested to see the Abernethy Collection this afternoon. A taxi has been requested, but there is still room for some three or four people to make the trip.

Notice

Bread Loaf has designated this as Be Kind to Upson's Crow Week with the slogan:

Be kind to Upson's Crow,
Wherever he may go;
If dog or human hair he carry
(Aviary's Hari-Kari)
Do not speak in accents testy;
Let him build his little nesty.
Be kind to Upson's Crow;
Do not show that you are jealous
Of his methods wise and zealous.
He, at least, has found a way
To circumvent the F. H. A.

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Volume 26 No. 19 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 27, 1945

Evening Lecture

At 8:30 tonight in the Little Theatre, Dr. Chan Wing-Tsit, Professor of Chinese Culture at Dartmouth College, will lecture on the subject "China Looks Ahead".

Born in Canton, Dr. Chan has seen both China and America at war. He was in Peiping when the Japanese attacked in July, 1937, and in Honolulu when Pearl Harbor was bombed.

Audiences all over the country have been enthusiastic about his ability to interpret the true Chinese picture.

Train Reservations

Anyone desiring Pullman reservations for a trip of 450 miles or over is urged to leave the following information at the Bookstore today: name, destination, type of accommodation desired, and the number of the Coach ticket to be stepped up to Pullman. If you have no Coach ticket at present, please indicate that you wish to purchase straight Pullman accommodations. This done, sit back and pray.

Book Store

No further purchases of books may be made. After Tuesday, there will be no further sales of any kind. Don't fail to heed this notice, for there can be no exceptions made.

In case you are wondering why this strange No-Sales-Policy has been instituted, may we say that the Inventory Season is upon us, and we never took a course in Remedial Arithmetic.

For Sale

Dorothy Blair (Cornwall Cottage) would like to sell a bus ticket at a bargain. The regular price of this ticket reading "Middlebury, Vermont to New York City" is $4.89, but she will sell it for $4.50.

We Wonder

We are not making any libellous statements (we hope), but in re: The Case of the Missing Owner of the Whiskey Bottle (see Vol. 26 No. 17), it is an established fact that one of our distinguished faculty members, who shall be nameless (if not blameless), was heard to hiccough audibly at the beginning of his third hour class on the same morning The Bottle was discovered. Reports have it that he was forced to resort to a glass of water (Department of Anti-climax) in order to continue his lecture. The suspect, however, admits to but one word-spasm and feels it unfair to be convicted on such small evidence. (Editor's note: We shall not press charges if said culprit will swear to invite us to the next spree. We, too, can be the life of the Ping-Pong table after six, or preferably more, easy lessons.)

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Ave

Bread Loaf welcomes Betty Mc Clure, Lt.j.g., who in the days of her youth ('39,'40, and '41) was an ardent Bread Loafer.

Atque Vale

Bread Loaf wishes Florence Sheehan, A. R. C. (class of '44) a pleasant journey.

Transportation Notice

English School students who wish to have railroad tickets purchased for them in Middlebury should register their names and destinations at the Book Store by 7:30 today. It would be appreciated if you would have the correct change for your ticket enclosed in an envelope. On the outside of the envelope give the following information: name, room number, destination, and statement of the amount of the enclosure. This does not apply to those who already have their tickets.

Baggage: Those students who wish to send suitcases, trunks or other articles as baggage on their railroad tickets must have these articles ready by Wednesday night, August 29, to be taken by truck to Middlebury. To send articles as baggage:

1. Notify the Book Store when baggage will be ready
2. Leave your railroad ticket inside a sealed envelope (with the same information listed above except that there is no money enclosed). The ticket will be taken to the station with your baggage.
3. Your ticket will be returned to you with your baggage checks as soon as your baggage has been checked.
4. Baggage not ready by Wednesday night will have to be checked by the owner at his own risk and responsibility. The usual procedure if the student is checking his own baggage is to have the baggage ready a day in advance of his departure and notify the Book Store Wraith, who in turn will notify Mr. Whittemore. Be sure to state clearly, following the form listed below under Railway Express, all the necessary information.

Railway Express: All articles to be sent by express must have one tag on each article on the outside; one sticker, also on the outside; and one label inside each article. Be sure to PRINT CLEARLY all the necessary information, for all articles not clearly addressed will be delayed in shipment.

The School is glad to help you use the American Railway Express Company's facilities. We are not, however, agents for the Express Company.

If you wish to have articles taken to the Express Company's Office in Middlebury, please leave the following information at the Book Store:

1. Your name and room number
2. Kind of article
3. Date to be sent
4. Hour it will be ready to go to Middlebury

All articles to go by Express should be sent COLLECT.

Book Store

This is to remind you that today is the last day when you will be able to make any purchases of stationery and supplies. Don't fail to anticipate all your needs.

The hours today will be the regular ones from 1:30 to 2:30 in the afternoon and from 6:45 to 7:15 unless the need for longer hours becomes apparent. Please co-operate by making all your arrangements EXACTLY as stated in The Crumb.

The Express tags, labels, and stickers may be obtained from the Book Store.

Contributor's Column

We had been anxiously awaiting Miss Poole's arrival with some copy and had almost begun to despair. Yesterday, however, she came forth with this; so the summer is now complete.

A Plea to the Faculty

"Whatever Miss T. eats
Turns into Miss T."

If you should see a falling-off
In our exams, pray do not scoff.
To do our best we're more than willin';
Alas! Food Shortage is the villain.
Our answers were less thin and brief
Had Government released some beef;
And if our reasoning's but phoney,
Remember, we were fed baloney.
How can brains be alert, alive,
When Friday's fish does not arrive,
Or how can students fitly "cram"
When nourished on a slice of spam?
If you find bitterness of soul,
Just blame an empty sugar-bowl.
No flowing phrase to make you cheer up?
Our pancakes had no maple syrup.
In case we don't "come through" at all,
Perhaps Eve's snare has caused our fall.
Some foods evoke, as we have had 'em,
The second syllable of Adam.
But if you flunk us, -- never mind!
You'll find us still forgiving, kind.
Being human folks, not books on shelves,
You ate the same darn things yourselves.

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Taxi Schedule

On the Bulletin Board you will find the taxi schedule for departures. Please make sure that you sign your name on the list under the proper time.

Library Notice

Please return the books for each course to the library before each examination begins Thursday and Friday. ALL books MUST be turned in by two o'clock on Friday.

Attention, Juniors

All members of the Junior Class and anyone willing to help decorate the Little Theatre for graduation, are urged to meet Mrs. Joyce in the Blue Parlor directly after lunch today for further instructions.

Faculty Picture

Anyone desiring a copy of the faculty picture that is posted on the Bulletin Board must bring $.85 to the Book Store by 2:30 today. The pictures will be printed later and mailed to your home address.

Vacancies

The Putney School is anxious to find a man (as, indeed, who is not?) to teach French and German. Anyone interested is advised to see John Parke.

We quote in full a telegram received by Dr. Joyce today:

Amherst, Mass.

> Need instructor in English composition and survey Salary about 1950 Should report September 10 Man preferred Experience and Doctorate desirable but not essential Probabilities of reappointment.

Frank Prentice Rand
Mass. State College

Departure notes

The envelopes appearing at your places today are to be used only by people who need to enclose money on excess baggage or tickets. All other people wishing baggage to be taken to Middlebury after today should use the single sheets which ask for the same information, but are to be used in a different way. If you are still confused, see the Book Store Battler, Dealer in Ambiguity.

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Volume 26 No. 22 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 30, 1945

Prestidigitation

Jack Vosburgh, our famous card trickster, will perform for us for a short period, probably not more than fifteen minutes, immediately after dinner. If the weather permits, he will hold forth on the lawn outside of the Little Theatre; if not, the program will move to the Little Theatre.

Guess Who

The Seniors at a recent party given by the Faculty were asked to list five likes and an equal number of antipathies. Can you guess who's who?

Likes	Dislikes
1. Tea, Devils food, Bicycling, Vermont Cats	1. Coffee, Parsnips, Henry James, N. Y. C. Jellied Consome
2. Martinis, Red-headed Red-heads, Blue-eyed Blondes, Brown-eyed Brunettes, Manhattans	2. Waiting in line for ANYTHING, Most movies, Parents of students, Too many brains, Too few brains
3. Thick steak with mushrooms, Beethoven, Good plays, Master's degrees in English, Bread Loaf "a la the good old days"	3. Mosquitoes, Spaghetti, Gossips, Crowded trains, Exams
4. Leisure for an afternoon nap, Dancing, Boats and the sea, Detective stories, Majors, Mary's and mink coats	4. Salesgirls who call me "dear", Soup, providence, Rainy days, snakes.
5. Chocolate candy, Sunny days in Vermont Vacations, Roast chicken, ice cream	5. Getting up in the morning, Onions, Examinations, Rain, Packing suitcases
6. Cocktails before dinner, New Englanders of unconventional variety, log fire with genial companions, golf, romanticism	6. Practical people, Not getting mail, Gossip, Erudite conversation, Perfection
7. Children, The Theatre, Foreigners, Studying, Cooking	7. Flying things that flap their wings, Intellectual humbuggery, Joyce's "Ulysses", Mosquitoes, Pretty men
8. Haydn's Serenade, Dancing, Going to the Theatre, Hiking, People so honest it shows in their faces	8. Hitler, Smoke in my eyes, High heels, Bored people, Having a tooth filled
9. People, Bread Loaf, Music, Poetry, Flowers	9. Stopped clocks and defunct calendars Custard, Mosquitoes, Turnips, Tennyson

Taxi Notice

Anyone who failed to sign for a taxi is advised to do so at once. The list has been removed from the Bulletin Board and is now at the Inn Desk. Forget at your peril!

Bought

All bills for telegrams and other items will be placed in your mailboxes this afternoon. It would be greatly appreciated if you paid at once to facilitate the bookkeeping.

Lost

Volume II of "British Poetry and Prose" with notes in English and Spanish has not yet been found. Any sleuthing you can provide would be appreciated.

Announcements

Miss Byington wishes to present you with an Examination Present. She will have the Tea Room at the Barn open from 4:30 to 5:30 for the sale of Sales.

Dining Room

The seating for the rest of the week is to be arranged by you. However, the usual custom at Bread Loaf in this respect is to settle on a table beforehand and then return to it for each meal. This prevents a three-times-daily scramble.

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Volume 26 No. 23 Bread Loaf, Vermont August 31, 1945

Seniors & Faculty

Seniors and faculty members are to meet in the Blue Parlor at 6:20 before dinner.

Commencement Procedure

Seniors and faculty members will assemble in the Blue Parlor at 7:45. The Commencement Exercises will begin promptly at 8:00. Seats will be reserved only for Seniors, Faculty, and wives.

Dinner Hour

Dinner will be at six-thirty tonight. If you want to see the seniors march in, be prompt!

Library Notice

Reminder: All books must be in the library by two p.m. TODAY. They are being returned to Middlebury College. Please don't force the Librarians into a siege with Aspirin over your failure to read and heed the Printed Word.

Barn Edict

The last call for Cokes will be this afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30, after which the Tea Room will close officially for the summer of '45.

Commencement Addresses

Copies of Commencement addresses for the years 1944 (Mr. Anderson), 1943 (Miss Drew), 1942 (Mr. Stauffer), and 1941 (Mr. Joyce) are available for those who would like copies before they leave Bread Loaf. Inquire at the Director's Office.

Copies of the 1945 Commencement address will be mailed to those who leave their names in the Director's Office.

Excelsior!

Bread Loaf ends the summer of 1945 on a note of promise with the announcement that the Middlebury College Language Schools will be back on the normal schedule in 1946. This means a six week session for the English School, followed by the two week Conference for the Writers.

Bread Loaf wishes to thank you for bearing the accelerated program with such aplomb, and hopes to see you all again in another happier year.